

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Light of the World

2019 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @6:30 p.m.

May the beauty of the sanctuary and the heavenly strains of music prepare our hearts and minds for holy worship.

(**Denotes: Please stand if you are able)

Gathering Music Barbara Edwards

Welcome Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol #249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Christ Candle Fumerola Family

The Promise

Scripture **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** Mark Gammon
Carol #244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Announcement

Scripture **Matthew 1:18-25** Judy Fabian
Carol #243 "Emmanuel"
Carol #86 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

The Adoration

Scripture **Luke 2:15-20** Tara Fumerola
Carol #272 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (1, 5)
Carol #277 "Hark! the Harold Angels Sing" (1, 2, 3)

The Incarnation

Scripture **John 1:1-14** Ron Schoch
Carol #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem (1, 2, 3)"
Carol #262 "Away in a Manger" (1, 2, 3)

Choir "O Come to the Manger" *Patrick Liebergen*

Christmas Offerings Rev. Gerald Gammon
Offertory
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Meditation Rev. Gerald Gammon

Silent Reflection
Candle lighting *(Quiet organ music)*
(Please remember to keep lit candles upright)

*Carol "Silent Night! Holy Night!" (1 by Sheryl & Pastor)
(2 & 4 by congregation)

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven far; heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Benediction
(Extinguished candles may be placed in baskets in rear of sanctuary.)

On behalf of the Gammon family and the staff of the First United Church of Christ we wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas.

Thanks to all of those who purchased poinsettias. Please remember to take your poinsettia (s) home after the service tonight.

- ◆ Irma Allen in memory of husband, Thomas Allen, Sr; in memory of Thomas Allen Jr.
- ◆ Joanne Bode in memory of parents, Herman & Pauline Bode, and aunt Dorothy Bode; in memory of aunt and uncle, Alfred & Jeannette Conklin and cousin Edna Cooper, and Aunt Esther Clark
- ◆ Junior & Karen Fumerola in memory of our parents; in honor of our children and grandchildren
- ◆ Judy Fabian in memory of father, Nick Fabian and sister, Debbie Fabian
- ◆ Phil & Diana Graham in memory of our parents and brother, David Allen
- ◆ John & Becky Kunkel in memory of our parents, Dick & Doris Kunkel and Jim & Jane Jones
- ◆ Dick & Marilyn Leiby in memory of our parents
- ◆ Virginia Neff in memory of husband, Gary Neff, and son, Christian Neff and parents, Carl & Mary Ellen Ward
- ◆ Linda Paxson in memory of my father, Dick Teitsworth
- ◆ Sue Schoch in memory of husband, Bill Schoch
- ◆ John & Debbie Wimer

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards